REMARKS

Prompt and favorable examination of pending claims 1-7, 11, and 14-19 is respectfully requested.

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VERSION OF CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE
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Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 8-10, and 12-13, without prejudice.

Please add new claims 14-19 as follows.

14. (New) A diagnostic test comprising a monoclonal antibody that binds to amino acid residues 8-17 of the mammalian AT1 subtype of the angiotensin II receptor, said antibody being attached to a detectable label.

15. (New) A test kit according to claim 14 wherein said monoclonal antibody is one which binds specifically to amino acid residues 8-17 of rat vascular smooth muscle AT1 receptor.

16. (New) A test kit according to claim 14, wherein said label is a fluorescent label.

17. (New) A test kit according to claim 14, wherein said label is a radioisotope label.

18. (New) A diagnostic test kit comprising a labeled monoclonal antibody, wherein said monoclonal antibopdy binds specifically to a peptide having the amino acid sequence (SEQ ID. No. 1)
H_2N--Glu--Asp--Gly--Ile--Lys--Arg--Ile--Gln--Asp--Asp----COOH.

19. (New) A diagnostic test kit comprising a labeled monoclonal antibody, wherein said monoclonal antibody binds to the AT1 subtype of the angiotensin II receptor, the antibody produced by a hybridoma cell line deposited

at European Collection of Animal Cell Cultures, Porton Down, UK under Accession No. 930720117.